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Rubidoux High Students Participating in Trash & Mapping Pilot Program

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JURUPA VALLEY - The kick-off for a student-centered Trash & Mapping Pilot Program will take place at Rubidoux High School (RHS) on October 18th at 12pm.

Coordinated by multiple Riverside County agencies & advocates of Sunnyslope Channel, "Taking out the Trash" will have RHS Honors Biology students collect trash observations with ESRI's ArcGIS Survey123 field app then create an ESRI Storymap of the data to present to local agencies.

"This school district partnership is a unique opportunity to educate students on the importance of protecting waterways, while also giving them practical hands-on experience with Geographic Information Systems," stated Jason Uhley, General Manager-Chief Engineer of Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. "We are hopeful that this science and technology-based project may motivate some of the students to pursue STEM careers in their future!"

The program aims to address the trash generated around the Sunnyslope community by bringing awareness through outreach and education. Sunnyslope Channel was selected due to its historical trash accumulation issue at its outlet.

"The most important part of the program is giving the students a tangible experience to see the ripple effect of small actions," said Daniel Johnson, RHS Honors Biology teacher. "Throwing trash on the ground may not seem important at the time, but it, in fact, has a larger impact than they realize, specifically within their own community."

"I am excited to see our students participate in this collaborative, innovative, and important project, and I'm grateful to the community partners who are helping to make it possible," stated Jurupa Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. "This is an exceptional opportunity for students to learn from agency experts while truly making a positive impact on our community and environment."

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is proudly made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center.